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## ALLARD INFORMED BY OMB DIRECTOR WASTING DISEASE FUNDING APPROVED LETTER TO USDA AND PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH OMB FREES UP \$12.5 IN FUNDING FOR COLORADO

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) was informed today by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Mitch Daniels that \$12.5 million in emergency funding to help contain and control Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is on its way to Colorado. The funding will go towards a special CWD program that was started last year by the Colorado Department of Agriculture to eliminate the disease.

“OMB Director Mitch Daniels informed me today that the emergency USDA funding to assist Colorado’s on-going effort to eliminate Chronic Wasting Disease has been approved and is on its way to Colorado,” said Allard.

The funding had been tied up since last November due to a disagreement over the size of the matching funds from the state of Colorado. OMB Director Daniels told Senator Allard that Colorado will only be required to produce a 5% match for the money.

In December, Allard wrote to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman asking that she release the emergency funding to Colorado. In early January, Allard was told that USDA was ready to release the funding, but a problem had developed at OMB over Colorado’s funding match for the program. Allard worked this week with OMB officials and the White House to resolve the remaining issues and release the money which Congress appropriated last year.

“I want to commend OMB Director Mitch Daniels for his quick action on this important matter,” added Allard. “We have a serious problem with wasting disease in Colorado and any additional delays in getting this funding released could have proven disastrous.”

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